



## Increased Water Treatment Efficiency On The Way For Hoosier Communities

*Seven Communities to Share \$350,000 For New Water Treatment Pumps and Motors*

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(Indianapolis)--- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced seven Indiana communities have been awarded grants to improve the energy efficiency of their water treatment facilities. The grants were part of the Energy Efficiency for Water Treatment (EEWT) grant program that offered up to \$100,000 for the replacement of water or wastewater treatment pumps and motors. The \$350,000 program was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program and administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED).

Increasing the energy efficiency in these water and wastewater treatment plants will have a quick positive impact the cost of running these facilities. Total annual savings is a combined \$350,000. The cost of the upgrades should be paid for within six years.

"Water and wastewater treatment facilities consume lots of energy, and there is great opportunity for savings," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "These grants will lower energy bills, freeing up more money for local budgets."

The EEWT grants have been awarded to:

City	County	Award Amount
Batesville	Franklin	\$17,577.00
Boonville	Warrick	\$29,412.00
Kokomo	Howard	\$61,036.00
Monticello	White	\$43,000.00
Rensselaer	Jasper	\$100,000.00
Noblesville	Hamilton	\$26,690.00
Brownsburg	Hendricks	\$72,285.00

All of the grants will be used to replace or upgrade existing pumps, motors and/or controls. The EEWT grant program was a competitive grant program open to government-owned water and wastewater treatment facilities in Indiana. Grantees will provide at least a 50 percent cost match.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit [www.energy.in.gov](http://www.energy.in.gov) or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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